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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007 Part two: biennial programme plan

(Item 3(b))

Programme 26
Jointly financed activities

1. At its 14th meeting, on 17 June 2004, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 26, Jointly financed activities, of the proposed biennial programme plan for the period 2006-2007 (A/59/6 (Prog. 26)).

2. The representatives of the Secretary-General introduced programme 26 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. General support was expressed for the proposed programme 26 (components A-D). The value and importance of the activities proposed in programme 26 were recognized, with particular emphasis on the coordinating role of the United Nations in strengthening cooperation among United Nations system organizations in achieving the objectives defined by Member States.

4. The view was expressed that the results-based budgeting approach in formulating the objectives and strategy of the programme has allowed for more concise and clearly defined expected accomplishments and indicators of

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achievement. At the same time, it was pointed out that some expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement require further refinement. The view was expressed that the absence of baseline and target performance indicators made it difficult for the Committee to assess the relevance and measurability of the proposed expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement. It was also pointed out that some indicators of achievement had been formulated to measure the quantity of the work and did not allow measuring the quality of the results achieved.

5. With regard to component A, International Civil Service Commission, of programme 26, while the role of the Commission within the framework of the policy-making process on the issue of the international civil service was recognized, the view was expressed that the objectives and logical framework of this component should also reflect the coordinating role of the General Assembly. The view was also expressed that the overall orientation and strategy of this component should more fully reflect the emerging issues and problems of the United Nations common system under the Commission's purview and the interaction between the Commission and participating organizations.

6. With regard to component B, Joint Inspection Unit, of programme 26, the programme proposed for the Joint Inspection Unit was supported and the efforts by the Unit to reform its working methods and proceedings commended. At the same time, the view was expressed that the work of the Unit should be more result-oriented and the expected accomplishments fully measurable. The view was also expressed that the formulation of the programme proposed under component B might require further review and revision at a later stage to reflect the outcome of the reform of the Unit to be undertaken by the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session.

7. With regard to component C, United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, of programme 26, while the efforts of the Board in coordinating the United Nations system was recognized the view was expressed that the programme proposed under component C should be more oriented towards an integrated approach in addressing the challenges facing the United Nations system, including proposals for measuring conflict prevention and post-conflict resolution, as well as for strengthening the cooperation of participating organizations in improving security and safety for staff, in particular in the field. It was also pointed out that the expected accomplishments should be geared towards addressing the cost-effectiveness and efficiency of the Board activities. The view was also expressed that the proposed expected accomplishments and the strategy were too general and ambitious and should be refocused towards improvements in knowledge-sharing and cost-effectiveness of investments in technology.

8. With regard to component D, Inter-organizational security measures, of programme 26, general support was expressed for the continuous efforts by the United Nations Security Coordinator towards the strengthening of the United Nations security management system in the field. The views were expressed that the orientation and objectives of the programme under component D should more clearly reflect the new security challenges and threats and changes in the security environment and that all organizations participating in the security management system should actively contribute to strengthening security mechanisms in the field. The view was also expressed that the proposed expected accomplishments and indicators of achievements should be reformulated with a view to enhancing the

capacity of the Security Coordinator to conduct risk analysis and initiate rapid responses. The view was also expressed that the programme proposed under component D might require further review and revision in the light of the outcome of the consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session of the Secretary-General's proposals in the context of the second phase of strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises.

Conclusions and recommendations

9. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 26, Jointly financed activities, of the proposed biennial programme plan, on the understanding that components A, B and D of the programme might be revised in the light of any decision that the General Assembly might take on them at its fifty-ninth session.**

10. **The Committee recalled that the General Assembly, in paragraph 9 of its resolution 58/286, had decided to revert to the issue of the reform of the Joint Inspection Unit at its fifty-ninth session in order to take any action for the enhancement of the effectiveness of the Unit that might be required for the attainment of its objectives.**

11. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 26, Jointly financed activities, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modifications:**

Paragraph 26.7

In the second sentence, replace the words "internationally agreed development goals, as well as ensuring integrated and coordinated follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits, including,", with the words "internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and international agreements since 1992, and".

Paragraph 26.7

In the third sentence, delete the words "and the reform of the common system".

Paragraph 26.7

In indicator of achievement (a), after the word "programmes", add the words "and projects with strategic impact".